

REMARKS

By this paper, independent claim 67 has been amended. Claims 67-72 and 74-81 are pending.

In the Office action dated July 25, 2003, claims 67-72 and 74-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goicoechea et al. (5,683,450). In so rejecting the claims, the Examiner stated that "The embodiment of Figure 5 is designed for potential use as a sole implant, and thus legs 58 and 60 are certainly configured to extend into bifurcated sections of the vasculature." Independent claim 67 and the claims depending therefrom, now recite a device including a body having a first leg that extends into one of a second and third section of vasculature and a second leg which terminates in the first section of the vasculature. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims now recite subject matter which is patentable over the cited art. In particular, the Goicoechea reference does not teach or contemplate the body recited in the pending claims.

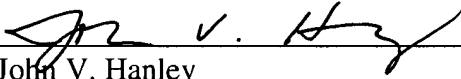
Accordingly, it is believed that each of the pending claims now define patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has attempted to respond to each and every rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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